



# GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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October 19, 2020

Good afternoon GNBVT families,

We hope that this newsletter finds you well. As always, a reminder that the school day begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:31 p.m.

## **Students on Campus THIS Week (October 19th - October 23rd)**

*Cycle 4 Continues through October 20th; Cycle 5 Begins October 21st*

All Division 1 Freshmen students report for their CVTE exploratory program Monday and Tuesday (October 19th and October 20th).

All Division 2 Freshmen students report for their CVTE exploratory program Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (October 21st, October 22nd, and October 23rd).

All Division 1 Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors:

Monday and Tuesday (October 19th - October 20th) **GOLD** Cohort students will have their in-person CVTE instruction while **GREEN** Cohort students complete their remote CVTE assignments.

All Division 2 Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors:

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (October 21st, October 22nd, and October 23rd) **GREEN** Cohort students will have their in-person CVTE instruction while **GOLD** Cohort students will complete their remote CVTE assignments.

All academics will continue to be conducted remotely for all students/grade levels.

## **Students on Campus NEXT Week (October 26th - October 30th)**

*Cycle 5 Continues through October 28th; Cycle 6 Begins October 29th*

All Division 2 Freshmen students report for their CVTE exploratory program Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (October 26th, October 27th, and October 28th).

All Division 1 Freshmen students report for their CVTE exploratory program Thursday and Friday (October 29th and October 30th).

All Division 2 Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors:

**GOLD** Cohort students will have their in-person CVTE instruction Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (October 26th, October 27th, and October 28th) while **GREEN** Cohort students will have their remote CVTE assignments during those dates.

All Division 1 Sophomore, Juniors, and Seniors:

**GREEN** Cohort students will have their in-person CVTE instruction Thursday and Friday (October 29th and October 30th) while **GOLD** Cohort students will complete their remote CVTE assignments during those dates.

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### **Transition to Phase 1B**

The administration is working carefully with public health officials on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in the region and in the school reopening process. In keeping with a careful approach to school reopening, GNBVT is preparing a more cautious approach to bringing additional students in school for their CVTE instruction.

The district is considering phasing Senior Students back into the school building for their CVTE rotations beginning November 6th (cycle 7 of the school year). **The decision will NOT be officially made until the week prior (week ending October 30th) - but for planning and transparency purposes, we wanted to share the next steps should public health data support that decision.** If implemented, all seniors in both the **GREEN** and **GOLD** cohorts will report for in-person CVTE education for all six days of their shop rotation.

Sophomore and Junior students will continue to operate in their shop rotations under the **GREEN** and **GOLD** cohort model. Freshmen students' schedules will remain as they are now.

Academics will be conducted remotely for all students.

### **Possip Parent Surveys**

Every other Friday throughout the school year, Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech will be sending a survey out to all parents through Possip. Possip is a parent engagement platform designed to get insights, feedback and information from parents/guardians of GNBVT students. The survey is structured in a way that it will take less than a minute or two to complete. We hope you will help us improve and participate every other week!

### **MCAS for Class of 2022**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) **expects all junior students (Class of 2022) to take the MCAS assessments in ELA and Math between January 14th - February 5th. Academic support preparation sessions will be offered to students beginning in November.** Parents/Guardians are encouraged to have their students participate in these sessions to ensure they meet the DESE competency determination. **Achieving a passing score on the MCAS assessments is a statewide graduation requirement.** Please use the following link to sign up for the Academic Support Sessions. [MCAS Academic Support-Juniors Only](#)

### **MCAS for Class of 2023**

All sophomores (Class of 2023) will take the MCAS assessments in May, 2021.

## **Guidance Department**

ATTENTION SENIORS! Financial Aid for College is available:

Get free help completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at <https://masfaa.org/fafsaday/>

The Educational Opportunity Center is offering FREE in person and virtual appointments to discuss college admissions, complete the FAFSA and other financial aid options, career planning, and more. For an appointment contact Beth Connelly-Sylvia at 508-996-3147 Ext. 3923 or [bconnellysylvia@sevenhills.org](mailto:bconnellysylvia@sevenhills.org).

The GNBVT Scholarship and other locally funded scholarship applications are uploaded as we receive them. Please find them under the Guidance & Admissions tab at <https://www.gnbvt.edu/scholarships/>

## **Trimester 1 Progress Reports**

Progress reports will be posted to the Aspen portal on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. Parents should review student progress during Trimester 1 at this time.

## **School Forms**

Please make sure that all school forms have been submitted. Use this link to access the instructions on how to do this. [School Forms in Aspen Instructions](#)

## **Important Reminders from Previous Newsletters:**

### **Remote Learning and Student Expectations**

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**

Students are reminded that their camera and microphone (unless directed otherwise by the instructor) must be on during remote sessions, complete all assignments, check emails from teachers for attendance requirements during support sessions, and request any support they need to meet with success in all of their classes. Students are expected to be present for the entire class periods. **During the asynchronous (independent learning time), students should be completing all assignments in preparation for the next scheduled, synchronous (live) class time. It is important that all students are prepared for class periods and by completing these assignments it will provide teachers with the information they need to ensure positive student learning outcomes.**

We need to remind students given circumstances that have already appeared in other districts, that we will strictly prohibit screenshots, pictures and/or any audio or video recording without prior consent of the teachers and classmates. It is illegal in Massachusetts to record another person through any medium without their consent. Recordings, as well as any other form of online bullying or harassment will be handled as a discipline matter and may result in suspension, expulsion and could include police involvement.

Students are reminded of the [District Expectations SY 2020-2021](#), and are thanked for their efforts during the first month of school.

## **Health and Safety**

### ***Stop the Spread!***

The Commonwealth is launching a strategic testing program across Massachusetts for asymptomatic individuals in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. The Commonwealth urges residents in New Bedford and other high risk communities to get tested. Testing is FREE and available at the following New Bedford locations (more information can be found online at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread> :

- Greater New Bedford Community Health Center: 508-742-3807
- Seven Hills Behavioral Health Van will be testing at various locations across the city (see website above for specific days/times.
- Sister Rose's House: 508-996-0546

### ***Please stay home if you are sick!***

We are asking our students to stay home if they are ill. This will help to minimize the incident rates of the common cold, flu and COVID-19. **If your student is experiencing any of the following, please keep them home and inform the GNBVT Nurses Office at Ext. 204 or 205:**

- Fever 100 and over
- Chills/shaking chills
- Headache when in combination w/other symptoms
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Difficulty breathing
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- New loss of smell or taste
- Fatigue when in combination w/other symptoms
- Sore throat
- Nasal congestion/runny nose (not due to other known causes/allergies) when in combination w/other symptoms

If your child is exhibiting any of the above symptoms please keep your child home and call your physician. You will be required to provide medical documentation upon the return to school.

Your student may return to school when the following are true:

- Your medical provider has determined a different illness than COVID 19 and cleared student to return (medical note must be provided to school), OR
- Your student has negative test results for COVID 19, no symptoms **AND** a note from their medical provider

PLEASE NOTE: If you should be notified that you are COVID positive or have been a close contact of a COVID positive individual, please contact your physician and notify the school nurse promptly. Our School Nurses will work with you to determine dates if it is appropriate for a student to return to school.

**Student Travel to High Risk States:** All students and families are reminded that travel outside of Massachusetts to states deemed “High Risk” by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires a 14-day quarantine or negative COVID-19 test that was administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival to Massachusetts. Proof of COVID-19 test results must be provided to the school’s Attendance Office.

**Bus Routes**

The capacity of students riding the bus to school has been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. **The bus routes are posted to the school website.**

**Breakfast/Lunch**

Families that feel they are eligible for either free or reduced breakfast and lunch pricing can visit [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com) to complete an application. If you have already been notified of your status from direct certification, an application does not need to be completed.

For cash free transactions, families can establish an account with your student’s ID number to put money on their account to scan their ID at checkout by using [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).

**We are here to help educate your child and support him/her throughout this challenging time! Please let us know how we can help.**

Sincerely,



Michael P. Watson  
Academic Principal



Robert J. Watt  
CVTE Principal

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School is committed to ensuring equal opportunities for all students. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, homelessness, immigration status or veteran status in its education programs and activities, including admission to or employment in such programs or activities.

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**James L. O'Brien**  
*Superintendent-Director*

**Michael P. Watson**  
*Principal*

**Robert J. Watt**  
*Principal*

**Pamela Stuart**  
*School Business Administrator*

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# 2020 - 2021 School Year Cycle Schedule

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are identified as follows:

Examples: Sue Jones 9-1 (9 = grade level, 1= division number and cycle reporting to academic / related classes). James Smith 11-2 (11= grade level, 2 = division number and cycle reporting to academic / related classes).

All odd numbered divisions will report to Academic and Related classes during the ODD Cycle.

All even numbered divisions will report to Academic and Related classes during the EVEN Cycle.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> TRIMESTER

### CYCLE 1

Sept. 16,17,18,  
21,22,23

### CYCLE 2

Sept. 24,25,28,  
29,30,Oct 1

### CYCLE 3

Oct. 2,5,6,  
7,8,9

### CYCLE 4

Oct. 13,14,15,  
16,19,20

### CYCLE 5

Oct. 21,22,23,  
26,27,28

### CYCLE 6

Oct. 29,30, Nov.  
2,3,4,5

### CYCLE 7

Nov. 6,9,10,  
12,13,16

### CYCLE 8

Nov. 17,18,19,  
20,23,24

### CYCLE 9

Nov. 25,30,Dec.1,  
2,3,7

### CYCLE 10

Dec. 8,9,10,  
11,14,15

## 2<sup>ND</sup> TRIMESTER

### CYCLE 11

Dec. 16,17,18  
21,22,23

### CYCLE 12

Jan. 4,5,6,  
7,8,11

### CYCLE 13

Jan. 12,13,14,  
15,19,20

### CYCLE 14

Jan. 21,22,25,  
26,27,28

### CYCLE 15

Jan. 29, Feb 1, 2,  
3,4,5

### CYCLE 16

Feb. 8,9,10,  
11,12,22

### CYCLE 17

Feb. 23,24,25,  
26,Mar 1,2

### CYCLE 18

Mar. 3,4,5,  
8,9,10

### CYCLE 19

Mar. 11,12,15,  
16,17,18

### CYCLE 20

Mar. 19,22,23,  
24,25,26

## 3<sup>RD</sup> TRIMESTER

### CYCLE 21

Mar. 29,30,31,  
April 1,5,6

### CYCLE 22

April. 7,8,9,  
12,13,14

### CYCLE 23

April 15,16,26,  
27,28,29

### CYCLE 24

April 30, May 3,4,  
5,6,7

### CYCLE 25

May 10,11,12,  
13,14,17

### CYCLE 26

May 18,19,20,  
21,24,25

### CYCLE 27

May 26,27,28,  
June 1, 2

### CYCLE 28

June 3,4,7,  
8,9

### CYCLE 29 – Finals Odd Cycle Day 1 & 4

June 10, 11

### CYCLE 30 – Finals Even Cycle Day 1&4

June 14,15

Aug./September 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October 2020						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2020						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December 2020						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January 2021						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

February 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

March 2021						
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April 2021						
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May 2021						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

June 2021						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

IMPORTANT DATES	
September 16 - First Day of School	December 23rd - Early Release Day
September 7th - Labor Day (No school)	December 24th - January 1st - Vacation (No school)
October 12th - Columbus Day (No school)	January 18th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No school)
November 11th - Veterans' Day (No school)	February 15th - 19th - Vacation (No school)
November 22nd - Open House	March 26th - Trimester 2 ends
November 25th - Early Release Day	April 2nd - Good Friday (No school)
November 26th-27th - Thanksgiving (No School)	April 19th - 23rd - Vacation (No school)
December 4th - No school due to Open House	May 31st - Memorial Day (No school)
December 15th - Trimester 1 ends	June 15th - Last Day of School

